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REMARKS

In Quayle Action dated September 15, 2003, claims 40, 42, 44, 71, 73 and 82-86 were found to be allowable. Claims 45-49 were not rejoined because of minor defects. In response, applicants have amended independent claim 45 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 40. This amendment to claim 45 and claims depending therefrom provides for the inclusion of the specific molecular weights of the claimed fractions and any reference to a trademarked product has been removed. As such, all defects have been corrected.

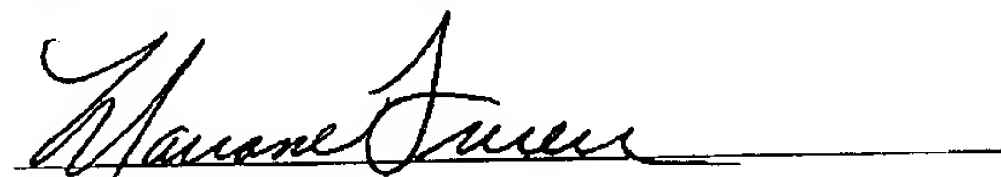
Fees Payable

No fees are due for entry of this amendment. However, in the event a fee is determined to be due, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional amount necessary for the entry of this amendment, and to credit any excess payment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Conclusion

Applicants have satisfied all the requirements for patentability. All pending claims are free of the art and fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. It therefore is requested that Examiner Stucker reconsider the patentability of all composition and method claims, in light of the distinguishing remarks herein and withdraw all rejections, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Notice of the same is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain, Examiner Stucker is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to resolve same.

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